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  - \_\_\_\_\_—through nature & conscience (*Romans 1*)
  - \_\_\_\_\_—through prayer & God’s Word (*Psalms 119*)
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